presented to the United Nations in 1988; and

(b) if so, the details therof and the achievement made in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The former Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi had presented an Action Plan for Ushering in a Nuclear Weapon-Free and Non-Violent Word Order at the Third Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly devoted to disarmament in 1988.

(b) The Action Plan seeks the total elimination of nuclear weapons by the year 2010. The Action Plan calls upon the international community to negotiate a binding commitment to general and complete disarmament. It contains a package of measures that structurally link the entire range of issues presently on the world disarmament agenda. The most essenital feature of the Action Plan is the achievement of the objective of the total elimination of nuclear weapons in a phased and time bound manner. The Action Plan has been pursued at all relevant multilateral fora and in bilateral discussions with various countries. Considerable interest has been evinced by the international community for the Action Plan.

Posts lying vacant in CGHS Ayurvedic Dipensary in Pune

*479. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of a lady doctor was sanctioned nearly three years ago in the Ayurvedic Dispensary under CGHS in Pune;

(b) if so, wheher the same has remained unfilled since then and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the post is likrly to be filled up;

(d) whether the post of medical officer in-charge of the said dispansary has also fallen vacant due to the demise of the incumbent few months back;

(e) if so, by when the post is likely to be filled in; and

(f) whether due to non-filling of posts of male and female doctors in the said dispensary, patients are facing hardships and if so, what immediate steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Very shortly.

(f) There are no separate posts for Male and Female Ayurvedic Physicvian in the Dispensary. Recruitment action for filling up both the posts has been completed and the candidates are expected to join shortly.

Revision of Rates of Non-Practising Allowance to Homoeopathic Physicians

*480. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rates of N.P.A. have been revised for those Homoeopathic Physicians who are in the scale of pay of Rs. 2000-3500 and above as per the Ministry's letter No. A. 60011|5|86.ISM dated 27th February, 1991;